

enable her and her children to appear respectable! Yes, brethren, sisters, it is all right to pray for and sympathize with your pastor, but do not forget his devoted, hard-toiling wife. And, when you are wont to criticize her for not being as active in church work as you think she should, or for not being as well attired as you claim her position demands, just stop and think whether you could do as well in her place, hampered and perplexed for want of means as she often is. The great fact is, as a rule, it is not acrimonious criticism, but your tender sympathy, your prayers, and a little extra material help from you that your pastor's wife needs and richly merits.

#### Poetry for Children

Presbyterian.

The love of poetry varies greatly in children. Many love to hear it read simply for its rhythmic sound, while others will not listen to it. One mother recently said that she had read to her five-year-old boy the whole of "Paradise Lost" and Pope's translation of the "Iliad" and "Odyssey." Naturally enough, perhaps, says Harper's Bazar, she considered that she had a genius to train, whereas really the child's ear alone, and not his mind, was attracted. But without inquiring too closely into the reason why children listen to poetry, seize the earliest opportunity to teach them some of the best. Macaulay's "Lays of Ancient Rome" will appeal to all, as will the martial bits from "Marmion" and "The Lady of the Lake." There are the famous old English ballads and the stirring songs of the Cavaliers; "Hiawatha" and parts of "Evangeline" are delightful; so are "Sir Launfal" and the "Idylls of the King."

There is a word to be said in favor of teaching children to read aloud. It not only impresses upon them what they are reading, but it cultivates a habit which is capable of giving much pleasure to others. It also enables the parent who listens to correct a mispronunciation or give some explanation, and makes it certain that the child's reading is intelligent. A word of warning might be given also against letting children read too rapidly. When books are drawn from a public library they are apt to be devoured, "skipped" thru half-comprehended. If it is understood that only one book, or at the most two, may be drawn during a week, they will be read carefully and perhaps twice over.

### Sisters' S. C. E.

#### From the Field

Last week I had no space left to give an account of the Maryland S. S. C. E. work which I shall give now as my last report from the field for a time. After leaving Virginia, I came to the churches of Western Shore, Maryland, St. James, and Hagerstown. Each of these had a Ladies' Aid Society and both churches voted for an S. S. C. E. instead. At the latter place it was

thought best to defer a final decision until the first regular meeting of their Aid Society. I see no need of fearing that they will decide contrary to the general sentiment of the church. While they have been a Ladies' Aid Society they were not selfishly so; St. James has been helping to build other churches, Hagerstown has been contributing to the Washington Mission. Each holds a hundred dollar endowment pledge for the college. They saw the need, however, of adopting also our constitution that they may enter more fully upon the S. S. C. E. work and not be isolated.

Some of the very best class of people in the brotherhood are found at both these churches, yet here too is felt the need of a deeper spiritual life and power quite as keenly as at other places. One of the members said Hagerstown was an excellent field for the work of a deaconess. Where are they in the Brethren church? With Miss Schindel, I enjoyed a visit at the office of sister Dr. Mary Laughlin, whose keen sense of the need of the Brethren church to begin work in the foreign field is probably one of her qualifications to go as a worker in that capacity herself. Sisters Anna and Fanny Schindel each gave a dollar offering for the theological fund; sister Anna Emmert a pledge for the same. The treasurer will also report several from the St. James church. The collection at the latter amounted to \$1.20, at Hagerstown \$2.82.

On the way from Hagerstown to Washington, D. C., I spent a very pleasant day at Brother Moats' where Professor and Mrs. Furry were visiting. It was almost equal to being on College Hill again. At night I talked to the Tilghmanton Aid Society, a branch of the St. James church. The president being away nothing definite was done in changing the society. The offering was \$1.12 which was good for the few members present.

Reaching Washington I was glad to see again the familiar faces of the members at the Mission, but I also missed a number of the old friends, among them Brother Lyon and family, who had gone out of the city for a few weeks. The weather is oppressively hot in Washington at this time of the year.

A number of changes have been made in the three years that I have been gone. One of the greatest, is the change from the inconvenient Hall to the comfortable church building in a desirable location. A change equally pleasing is the increase in church membership, tho not so noticeable at this time because of the number out of the city.

But I must hasten to say that I am home at last. There was so much to detain me at the last that I was ten days later than I had expected to be, and the two and a half year's absence began to seem rather long. But God's love and mercy always gives "home after wand'ring, praise after tears." It is sweet to be at home, but if duty calls elsewhere, it is sweeter to do his will.

Wherever I may be after this month and

for the year if you'll remember my home address, Ridgely, Md., it will not be necessary for me to speak of my mail again.

VIANNA DETWILER.

Ridgely, Md.

#### Treasurer's Report of the S. S. C. E., for the Month of July

##### THEOLOGICAL FUND

Reported,		\$ 19 62
Mrs. J. A. Connell,	on pledge,	1 00
Mrs. R. Stoffer,	"	1 00
Leander Stoffer,	"	1 00
Joseph Heestand,	"	1 00
D. M. Hahn,	"	1 00
Mrs. Phebe Darby,	"	1 00
Lizzie Lichty,	"	1 00
George W. Hedrick,	"	1 00
Mrs. Laura E. N. Hedrick,	"	1 00
Lucy M. Hall,	"	1 00
Jennie S. Hall,	"	1 00
Jene O. Thompson,	"	1 00
J. L. Thompson,	"	1 00
J. C. Englehart,	"	1 00
I. W. Bowman,	"	1 00
E. E. Bateman,	"	1 00
J. W. Kisling,	"	1 00
L. I. Good,	"	1 00
Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Van Lear,	"	1 00
Mollie R. Gans,	"	1 00
Annie I. Garber,	"	1 00
Brother Rippeto, offering,		1 00
Mrs. H. Helen Frame, offering,		2 00
South Bend, Indiana, S. S. C. E.		7 50
Tiosa, Ind.,	"	75
College Corners,	"	1 40
Nappanee,	"	3 00
Dunlaps,	"	1 40
Corinth,	"	2 15
Roann,	"	68
Millford,	"	2 20
New Paris,	"	60
Oakville,	"	3 20
La Paz,	"	50
Warsaw,	"	1 00
Summit Mills, Pa.,	"	2 60
Meyersdale,	"	1 00
Allentown,	"	1 75
New Virginia, Iowa,	"	90
Enon,	"	1 00
Hudson,	"	1 20
Millersburg,	"	1 80
Waterloo,	"	85
Winchester, Ohio,	"	2 60
Louisville,	"	9 00
Ashland,	"	3 00
Bethesda,	"	1 00
Bryan,	"	1 30
Fair Haven,	"	2 00
Fair View,	"	1 00
Falls City, Neb.,	"	1 00
Cerro Gordo, Ill.,	"	1 30
Milledgeville,	"	3 00
Lanark,	"	1 50
Campbell, Mich.,	"	1 80
Turlock, Calif.,	"	1 00
		\$108 60

To Dr. E. J. Worst, Treasurer  
Ashland College, \$108 60

##### HOME MISSIONS

Reported,		\$ 94 20
Summit Mills, Pa.,	S. S. C. E.,	2 00
Meyersdale,	"	1 00
Allentown,	"	1 75
New Paris, Ind.,	"	80
La Paz,	"	45
Roann,	"	66
Tiosa,	"	75
Enon, Iowa,	"	1 00
Hudson,	"	1 20